GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY BY ONGC FOR OIL/GAS DEPOSITS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is surveying various districts of West Bengal to find oil and gas deposits;

(b) if so, the districts under survey and drilling operation;

(c) whether at Karandighi in the district of Uttar Dinajpur of West Bengal, ONGC has found some oil deposits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) & (b) ONGC has been carrying out surveys for hydrocarbons/Coal Bed Methane (CBM) within its PEL areas in various districts o West Bengal State. During the IXth plan period, seismic surveys were carried out by ONGC in Contai area of Midnapur district and Ichapur area of Nadia district. Additionally, slim hole drilling for assessment of CBM has been initiated by ONGC in Raniganj area of Bardhaman district.

(c)& (d): ONGC had drilled a well, Karandighi-1 in the district of Uttar Dinajpur which proved to be dry and was abandoned.